

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 73, 74, 77, 78, 81, 82, and 84-86 are presented for consideration, of which claims 43, 49, 73, 77, 84, and 85 are independent. Claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 73, 77, 84, and 85 have been amended. Support for these changes can be found in the original application, as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in conducting a personal interview with Applicants' representatives on May 13, 2009. At the interview, Applicants' representatives reviewed the claimed subject matter and explained how those claims were distinguished over Al-Kazily et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,621,589) and Livingston (U.S. Patent No. 7,061,632), the applied references.

In particular, Applicants' representatives explained that Claim 43 includes, *inter alia*, a setting means for setting, via a GUI in the information processing apparatus, one of a first mode with a single print-out format for single print data, and a second mode with at least two different print-out formats for single print data. As Applicants' representatives explained, this combination of features allows the information processing apparatus to produce a print-out result with a print-out format from a single print job when the first mode is set and to produce at least two print-out results with different print-out formats together from a group of print job commands from a single print job when the second mode is set.

As discussed at the interview, Al-Kazily et al. discloses a central printing system and method that directs to a particular printer a print job based on the attributes specified by a user. In Al-Kazily et al., only a single print-out result with a print-out format is produced from a print job. Consequently, in Al-Kazily et al., when a user wishes to produce multiple print-out results with different formats, the user must send print jobs separately, not together, to the central printing system.


Claim 43 has been amended to emphasize the features mentioned above and to more clearly distinguish the claim over the cited. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the present invention recited in independent Claim 43 is patentable over the art of record, whether that art is considered individually or taken in combination. The other independent claims recite features similar to those of Claim 43 discussed above and are believed patentable for similar reasons.

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Applicants' undersigned representative may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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